in the preliminary budget for the current year. This provision was considered by the Finance Committee, and they thought that it would be advisable to have the scheme examined by the Committee appointed by Government in connection with the Oriental Conference to be held in December 1937. The provision of Rs. 2,000 was therefore deleted from the preliminary budget and the proposals of the Curator were sent to the above Committee. The Committee have now submitted revised proposals. Government have examined them and decided to appoint a number of hands for the preparation of a descriptive catalogue of the manuscripts in the Palace Granthapura and the Curator's Office.

The ninth session of the Oriental Conference will be held in Trivandrum in December 1937 and it will be very useful to have a descriptive catalogue of the ancient manuscripts in the Palace Granthapura and in the Curator's office for the purpose of that conference. The present proposal is to prepare a catalogue with a small staff and to print it before the Conference meets in December. For payment to the staff to be entertained a sum of Rs. 2,200 is required for the rest of the current year. This staff will complete their labours by Thulam 1113, about a couple of months before the Conference meets.

Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai : May I know whether the Public will be admitted to see the manuscripts in the Palace Granthapura?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Not ordinarily.

President : I believe the manuscripts are lent to reputed scholars who apply for them. But they are not allowed to take them outside the State.

The demand was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES.

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 2,925 under miscellaneous charges" for purchase of copies of a new volume of the Regulations and Proclamations of Travancore proposed to be published.

The honourable members know that so far, seven volumes and a supplemental volume of the Regulations and Proclamations have been published. They cover the period up to the end of 1109. Since then several new Regulations have been passed and rules framed and it is proposed to bring the publication up to the end of of 1111. An application has been received from a practising lawyer of Trivandrum agreeing to do the work more or less on the same

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terms and conditions under which the previous volumes were published. Government purchased 800 copies of those volumes on payment of an average price of Rs. 10 a copy. The number of pages in those volumes was about 1,000 to 1,200. But the present volume will consist of only about 400 pages and its price has therefore been fixed at approximity Rs. 4½. Instead of 800 copies it is proposed to purchase only 650 copies now.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know why a reduction in the number was made?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Out of the 800 copies purchased, we have 160 copies in stock even now, Government do not therefore consider it necessary to purchase 800 copies as on previous occasions 650 copies will meet our requirements for the present or for the immediate future. The amount asked for now is for the purchase of 650 copies at Rs. 4-8 as. a copy.

The demand was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

Legislative Business.

THE TRAVANCORE BOILERS BILL.

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: I move that the amendment, made by the Sri Mulam Assembly to the Travancore Boilers Bill as passed by the Sri Chitra State Council, be taken into consideration. The amendment was read to the House on a previous occasion, and I am sure honourable members will remember what it is. It is only a formal amendment to substitute the figure "1112" for "1110" occurring in the short title of the Bill.

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar: I second it.

The motion was carried.

The amendment was then put to the House and carried.

THE TRAVANCORE SURVEY AND BOUNDARIES REGULATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: I move that the amendments made by the Sri Mulam Assembly to the Travancore Survey and Boundaries Regulation (Amendment) Bill as passed by the Sri Chitra State Council be taken into consideration. These amendments also were read to the House on a previous occasion and I believe the House remembers them. As honourable members are aware, the main purpose of the Bill is to make the erection of false boundary marks punishable. The clause that embodies it has been accepted as it is by the Assembly. There was a proviso to that clause to the effect that false survey marks concerned may be

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